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*Suspected smallpox in Cairo, Ill.*CAIRO, ILL., *January 27, 1899.*

SIR: I beg to inform you that 3 suspicious cases now in hospital, 1 admitted to-day, are believed to be varioloid. They are isolated and all precautions will be taken.

Respectfully yours,

W. A. WHEELER,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

*Smallpox in Indianapolis, Ind.*INDIANAPOLIS, *January 25, 1899.*

SIR: Three cases of smallpox, very mild in form, were reported at Indianapolis, January 22. The patients are all colored and adult males. Origin unknown. All precautions taken against spread.

INDIANA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.

*Smallpox in Louisville, Ky.*LOUISVILLE, KY., *January 23, 1899.*

SIR: In relation to the case of smallpox reported at this hospital by my telegram of the 20th instant, I have the honor to state that the case was in the person of Tom Lawson, colored, aged 32 years, from the steamer *Tarascon*, admitted to hospital on the 17th instant, complaining of pain in back, legs, and head, slight cough and running from nose, and normal temperature. From these symptoms and the general condition of the man, the case was diagnosed as influenza, that disease being quite prevalent in this city.

On the 19th an eruption was noticed and reported to me by telephone at the out-patient office, and on returning to the hospital I made careful examination and suspected smallpox. This eruption was present on face and on the body where the skin is thin. It was not a typical one. Did not have the hard, shotty feeling described by text-books, nor was there any evidence of umbilication. The local health authorities were notified of the suspicion and invited to make examination of the case, but no response was made until afternoon of the 20th, when patient was removed to the pesthouse, diagnosis of smallpox having been confirmed.

All bedding used by the case has been removed and burned. Patients were removed to another ward and all bedding remaining in the infected ward was treated by sulphur fumigation. The room will be cleaned with bichloride solution, and the bedframes painted before being put in use again. All unprotected persons in the building have been vaccinated. The source of infection in this case was probably a case sent to the pesthouse by the city health department about two weeks before the development in Lawson, who had associated with that case and who had been successfully vaccinated at the time of discovery of his association with it.

Respectfully yours,

HOWARD C. RUSSELL,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., *In Temporary Charge.*

*Smallpox in Laredo, Tex.*LAREDO, TEX., *January 22, 1899.*

SIR: I inclose smallpox report for week ended January 21, 1899: 37 cases, 8 deaths, and 800 vaccinations. I have inspected all passenger trains from Mexico and assisted the immigrant inspector in

doing same, and, as I speak Spanish about as well as English, have no difficulty in helping him find out what he desires to know from immigrants. It was reported to me, unofficially, that there were 2 deaths from yellow fever at Monterey, Mexico, last week. * * *

H. J. HAMILTON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Special report on smallpox in Alexandria, Va.

OFFICE OF SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,
MARINE-HOSPITAL SERVICE,
Washington, D. C., January 27, 1899.

Passed Assistant Surgeon M. J. Rosenau,
United States Marine-Hospital Service, Washington, D. C.

SIR: By request of the mayor and health officer of Alexandria, Va., and the sanitary inspector of the United States Marine-Hospital Service at that place, you are hereby directed to proceed to Alexandria, and call upon the mayor of the city, where you will meet the health officer. The latter will show you supposed cases of smallpox, and it will be your duty to determine finally upon the nature of these cases, there being some doubt in the minds of some of the citizens of Alexandria and even, as I am informed, among some of the physicians, as to whether the disease is actually smallpox. You will make known your decision to the mayor and health officer as soon as arrived at, and also transmit a report to the Bureau.

Respectfully, yours,
WALTER WYMAN,
Supervising Surgeon-General, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox in Alexandria, Va.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 28, 1899.

SIR: Complying with instructions, I visited Alexandria, Va., in order to decide upon the character of a disease prevailing in that city, and have the honor to report that the disease is smallpox. * * *

Respectfully, yours,
M. J. ROSENAU,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., January 23, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to report since yesterday 6 p. m. to 6 p. m. this date, 4 cases smallpox and 6 suspects.

Very respectfully,
ARTHUR SNOWDEN, M. D.,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., January 24, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to report, from 6 p. m. yesterday to 6 p. m. this date, 4 cases smallpox and 4 suspects.

Very respectfully,
ARTHUR SNOWDEN, M. D.,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.